

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER**

Secretary of State Frankfort Kentucky 2019-1290 December 9, 2019

## **PARDON & COMMUTATION**

## **TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

**WHEREAS,** Michael Andrew Hardy was convicted in Warren County in 2016 of wanton murder, three counts of wanton endangerment and criminal mischief; and

WHEREAS, Michael Hardy will arise each day for the rest of his life with a debt that he cannot possibly repay. Every day he will remember how his actions resulted directly in the death of an innocent man. I do not believe that society, as a whole, or the memory of Jeremy Pryor more specifically, will be best served by the continued incarceration of Mr. Hardy; and

**WHEREAS,** with the expectation that he will use his factual decision as a teachable lesson for others of all ages (but especially young people):

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Matthew G. Bevin, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, in consideration of the foregoing, and by the virtue of the authority vested in me by Sections 77, 145, and 150 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby commute the sentence of Michael Andrew Hardy to time served. Additionally, based on his acceptance, I offer Michael Hardy the following conditional pardon:

- 1. He must refrain from any consumption of alcohol and;
- 2. That he share his story and the name of Jeremy Pryor in schools, churches and other gatherings no less than six times per year for at least the next 20 years.

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Frankfort, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Nineteen and in the year of the Commonwealth the Two Hundred Twenty Eighth.

MATTHEW G. BEVIN, Governor Commonwealth of Kentucky

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Secretary of State

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